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1. On 26 March 1952, the Pionier Kaserne on Gartenstrasse, Fuerstenwalde (N 53/V 33), was occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery or tank insignia, and black-bordered black epaulets. Trucks occupied to capacity by soldiers, drove into the installation. 25X1

2. On 26 March, the barracks installation on Braunsdorferstrasse was occupied by about 1,700 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or tank insignia. Vehicles observed at the installation 25X1

3. On 21 March, a column of 2 trucks towing mortars, 2 radio trucks, 1 amphibious car and 1 sedan, came from the direction of Beeskow (N 53/V 41) and drove toward Fuerstenwalde via Langewahl. 25X1

4. Except for some guards and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, there were no troops at the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Fuerstenwalde-Waldfrieden prior to 4 March. Three 85-mm AA guns were observed near the gun sheds for the first time on 7 March, and 4 x 85-mm AA guns at the same place on 12 March. From 12 to 25 March, the installation was occupied by about 60 soldiers. Only some of the quarters were lighted after dusk. Vehicles observed at the Fliegerhorst Kaserne 25X1

5. On 14 March, about 40 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were practicing with submachine guns and receiving instruction on a range finder in the Pionier Kaserne on Gartenstrasse, Fuerstenwalde. Maintenance work was done on an SP gun in the barracks yard. On 18 March, about 60 soldiers received training in rifle firing at squad level and practiced aiming from a sidecar motorcycle. An armored car mounting two machine guns was parked in the barracks yard. On 25 March, about 30 soldiers were engaged in drill with 4 x 57-mm AT guns, about 10 soldiers with 2 x 120-mm mortars, and about 25 soldiers with submachine guns. T-34/85 tank was standing between the garages. Three T-34/85 tanks, and 1 JS tank were observed on the training area engaged in firing and aiming at practice targets. Practice firing at aiming targets with submachine guns was also 25X1

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seen at five firing ranges. Vehicles observed at the Pionier Kaserne [redacted]

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6. On 25 March, the barracks installation on Braunsdorferstrasse, Fuerstenwalde, was occupied by about 200 troops. Two JS tanks were parked in the barracks yard. Several groups of soldiers received telephone and radio training in the barracks yard and on the adjoining training area. Vehicles observed at the installation [redacted]

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7. On 5 March, a 15-piece band was observed rehearsing at the barracks installation on Braunsdorferstrasse. About 15 soldiers practiced with two model ZIS-3 76.2-mm field guns on the adjoining training area. About 60 soldiers in prone position without vests were engaged in advance combat firing with rifles at aiming targets on 100 meters and at aiming silhouettes on 150 meters.

8. On 5 March, three T-34/85 tanks, [redacted] practiced driving on the Neuendorf training ground. They drove later toward the Pionier Kaserne.

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9. On 5 March, three heavy AA guns were parked in front of the gun sheds in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, Fuerstenwalde-Waldfrieden. There was no vehicular traffic or training activity.

10. On 5 March, 35 caterpillar tractors, [redacted] were observed at the premises of the factory on Berlinerstrasse, south of the Aufbauschule (high school), Fuerstenwalde. Noise of drilling machines was heard from a large workshop. Several groups of 10 to 15 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets marched from the factory premises to the Aufbauschule or toward Fuerstenwalde. About 20 trucks, apparently ready for inspection, were standing in the yard of the Aufbauschule. (1)

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11. A fragment of an envelope addressed to a soldier [redacted] postmarked 9 January 1952, and mailed by a soldier [redacted] in Kerki, Turkmen S.S.R.; and a copybook containing notes on political indoctrination, were found on a garbage dump in the barracks installation on Braunsdorferstrasse on 16 and 17 March respectively. (2)

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12. On 24 March, the barracks installation on Braunsdorferstrasse was occupied by about 1,500 troops. Guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 20, 21 and 22 March, physical training was observed in the morning, and field training on the near training area during the afternoon. On 24 March, a general inspected a mixed unit of 120 men with light machine guns and rifles, 40 men with six 57-mm AT guns, 80-mm mortars and three T-34/85 tanks at the training area. The unit made a practice attack with live ammunition, with the tanks firing at concrete blocks [redacted]

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13. On 23 March, the 14 buildings of the Pionier Kaserne on Gartenstrasse were occupied to capacity by about 2,500 troops. Guards wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Material parked in the barracks yard included 5 amphibious cars, 60 sidecar motorcycles, several AT guns and 35 tanks of model T-34/85, JS-2 and JS-3, [redacted]

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The tanks were usually parked in seven garages with each garage containing 7 or 8 tanks. About 250 troops wearing red-bordered

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black epaulets with tank insignia received training with gas masks.
 Vehicles [] were observed at the Pionier Kaserne.

14. On 22 March, the barracks installation on the road to Rauen was occupied by about 200 troops including sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Driving practice and maintenance work on motor vehicles was observed. About 60 trucks were seen in the installation, []

15. On 21 March, only a few soldiers were seen at the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Fuerstenwalde-Waldfrieden. There were sentries with submachine guns between the buildings and gun sheds. Five express-train cars and 3 freight cars were observed on a spur track at the southwestern corner of the sector of the Fliegerhorst Kaserne north of the road from Fuerstenwalde to Neuendorf.

16. On 21 March, T-34/85 tanks [] drove into the Pionier Kaserne on Gartenstrasse. (1)

17. The following documents were found on a garbage dump near the Ketschendorf cable works on 18 March:

- a. Six envelopes addressed to soldiers []
- | Postmark | Location of Sender |
|------------------|--|
| 7 January 1952 | [] Sary-Arachin, South Kazakhstan, Turkestan ID |
| 13 January 1952 | Bashkir A.S.S.R. |
| 13 January 1952 | Bashkir A.S.S.R. |
| 23 January 1952 | Bashkir A.S.S.R. |
| 21 February 1952 | Saratov |
- b. []
- c. A fragment of an envelope addressed to a soldier []
- d. A fragment of an envelope addressed to a soldier []
- e. An envelope containing the following note on its reverse side: V. G. Dombrovski, born in 1929, []
- f. A slip of paper containing addresses [] in Krasnoyarsk, Lenin District, PCP No 14.
- g. A fragment of an envelope examined by Censorship Office []

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h. Two letters written in Bashkir language. (3)

18. The following documents were found on the garbage dump east of Wald-
Frieden airfield on 11 March:

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d. A certificate concerning a model Ford 6 vehicle [] handed
over by Lieutenant Zvonov (fnu), commanding officer of ? to Sergeant
Koloskov (fnu), leader of the administrative platoon; approved by
Lieutenant Colonel Sutyagin (fna), commanding officer []

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e. Fragments of a copybook containing notes on the number of personnel
of a battery attending instruction between 2 January and 20 August
1951. The data indicate that the total strength of the battery
fluctuated between 65 and 74 soldiers. The organization of the battery
included a gun platoon of 20 to 24 soldiers, a maintenance platoon
of 11 or 12 soldiers, and a headquarters platoon of 8 to 11 soldiers.

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g.

DateLocation of Sender

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4 January 1952

9 January 1952

10 January 1952

19 January 1952

Astrakhan Oblast

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The last letter stated that many discharges had returned home.

h. A fragment of a copybook containing a training schedule for the
personnel of a signal section, approved by Gds Major Bezruchko (fnu),
signal officer of the unit, and dated 14 February 1951.

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19. The following documents were found on a trash dump at the engineer equipment depot on Lindenstrasse on 9 March:

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c. Two certificates authorizing two soldiers [redacted] to receive Soviet state bonds issued in 1951, dated 29 February 1952, and verified by Lieutenant Colonel Statnikov (fnu), commanding officer [redacted] and Captain (Adm) Gil (fnu), chief of the financial section [redacted]

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d. Directions for the use of smoke candle DM-11, stating that the candle has a weight of about 2 kg, its smoke screen will be effective within 30 seconds and last from 5 to 7 minutes and that one has to keep 5 to 10 meters away from the burning candle.

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20. Documents found at the barracks installation on Braunsdorferstrasse on 5 March included:

a. Three envelopes which were addressed to soldiers [redacted]

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Tomsk Oblast

11 February 1952

Komi A.S.S.R.

20 February 1952

Yaroslavl Oblast

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b. A fragment of an application addressed to the Komsomol organization of the A1 machine gun company by a soldier and asking for admission as a member to the Komsomol.

[redacted] Comments.

(1) The observations in paragraphs 1 through 10 and 12 through 16 confirm the absence from Fuerstenwalde of the components belonging to the unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army until 25 March 1952.

[redacted] The occupation of the Pionier Kaserne, as mentioned in the present report, was previously known. In addition, however, the observations in paragraphs 5 and 13 indicate that the 5th Gds Mtrcl Bn of the 7th Gds Mecz Div, which was vaguely believed to be stationed in the Pionier Kaserne, can definitely be carried there until 23 March 1952.

[redacted] The 122d (?) Gds Eng Bn of the 7th Gds Mecz Div which had been identified in the present report for the first time after the fall of 1951, is also assumed located in the Pionier Kaserne. The column mentioned in paragraph 3 probably belongs to the 468th Gds Mort Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div in Beeskow.

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25X1 (2) [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the 24th Gds Mecz Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div in Fuerstenwalde.

25X1 (3) [redacted] a railroad construction battalion which has been
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[redacted]

25X1 (4) [redacted]
(5) [redacted]

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